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Tracy, CA – Congressman Jerry McNerney today announced that the City of Tracy is one step closer to approval for using the property on Schulte Road for a renewable energy project. Legislative language submitted by Congressman McNerney earlier this year recently passed key committees in both the U.S. House and Senate and is on track for consideration by Congress.

“This is a significant step forward for the Tracy solar project,” said Rep. McNerney. “For more than a year now, I’ve pushed hard for Congress to consider and approve the solar project. We’re now one step closer. Using the Schulte Road property for clean energy development has great economic potential for a community that is hard hit by the tough economy. Investing in this type of job creation project is key to our area’s economic recovery. I’ll keep fighting for jobs in Tracy and the solar project as it moves onto the next part of the process.”

The City of Tracy is seeking to purchase the Schulte Road land for use as the site of a solar electricity-generation project. The 200-acre property was previously conveyed to the City of Tracy by Congress with the condition that 150 acres be used for recreational or educational purposes. The language submitted by Congressman McNerney, and supported by the City of Tracy, waives any remaining restrictions on the land’s use once it is purchased by the City. The City estimates that construction of the project will bring 200 jobs to San Joaquin County.

Mayor Brent Ives joined Congressman McNerney in recognizing the significance of this achievement.

“It is great news that, thanks to Congressman McNerney, the City of Tracy is a major step closer to being able to put the Schulte Road property to use,” said Mayor Brent Ives, City of Tracy. “The renewable energy project under consideration for this land has the potential for significant economic benefit to our community. I look forward to working with Congressman McNerney as we continue to advocate for the City’s ability to move forward with this project.”

The language submitted by Congressman McNerney was included in legislation recently approved by the House Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government. The full Committee on Appropriations is next expected to take up consideration of the language submitted by Congressman McNerney on behalf of the City of Tracy. The Senate Committee on Appropriations also recently approved the language.